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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FILE REPLICATION WITH A COMMON FORMAT

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

File requests sent to a file server that supports a proprietary file system are selectively performed on a second file system, in addition to being performed on the first file system. The second file system is not proprietary, but rather is designed around a publicly known format. Access to the second file system does not require obtaining permission from the vendor of the first file system; e.g., licensing, payment of royalties, and so on.

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